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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,11-19 and 24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,11-19 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. The amendment filed 6/4/08 has been considered and entered. Claims 3,10,20-23 and 25 have been canceled. Claims 1,2,4-9,11-19 and 24 remain in the application.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
4. Claims 2,4-9,11-18 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Roll Extrusion filling of small vias" further in combination with Sullivan (4,647,524) (a) alone or (b) further in combination with Sullivan (4,966,827).

JP 02-177496 teaches a screen printer process whereby a roller (20) applies cream solder (23) through holes (24) in a screen (11) and onto a printed circuit board (not shown) (abstract and Fig. 2).

JP 02-177496 fails to teach the use of a “surface” or film strip between the roller (20) and the mask (11).

IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, “Roll Extrusion filling of small vias” teaches vias in a green ceramic substrate being filled with paste by rubber rollers, a mask and a MYLAR film placed between the mask and the rubber rollers. The MYLAR film is utilized to prevent the paste from sticking to the rubber rollers. The paste is applied as a film over the entire surface of the green sheet.

Therefore it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified JP 02-177496 process by incorporating a Mylar film between the roller (20) and the screen (11) to prevent sticking of the paste to the roller (20).

JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, “Roll Extrusion filling of small vias” fails to teach applying the coating to the “portion of the side facing the mask”, i.e. the underside of the film strip.

Sullivan (4,647,524) teaches a transferring method of applying polymer to a printed wiring board. The polymer (14) is applied to the underside of a carrying film (18) and applied to the circuit board by pressure from squeegee 15 (abstract and Fig. 1).

Therefore it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure

Bulletin, "Roll Extrusion filling of small vias" by applying the paste of the "underside" of the MYLAR sheet as evidenced by Sullivan (4,647,524) with the expectation of achieving similar results.

While the Examiner acknowledges the fact that the coating (14) is different and is not supplied to a mask, it is the Examiner's position that the "supply" of the coating material to the underside of the film is what is relied upon.

(a) the claims recite applying the paste in a bead, continuous, discontinuous, etc. it is the Examiner's position that the application "type" would be dependent upon the desired end product and would be within the skill of one practicing in the art.

(b) Sullivan (4,966,827) teaches a screen printing process whereby a dry film is applied to the underside of a film (18) and then applied to a circuit board. The dry film can be in the form of a pattern, i.e. discontinuous (abstract and col. 7, line 35—col. 8, line 35).

Therefore it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Roll Extrusion filling of small vias" further in combination with Sullivan (4,647,524) with forming a "patterned film" as evidenced by Sullivan (4,966,827) with the expectation of achieving the desired results.

5. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Roll Extrusion filling of small vias"

further in combination with Sullivan (4,647,524) further in combination with Casey et al. (2002/0009539) (a) alone or (b) in combination with Sullivan (4,966,827).

Features described above are incorporated here.

JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Roll Extrusion filling of small vias" further in combination with Sullivan (4,647,524) fails to teach the "surface" or MYLAR film being provided as a spool of rollers.

Casey et al. (2002/0009539) teaches a similar apparatus whereby a roller (32) having a film (24) from a supply roll to a take-up roll located between paste filled vias (16) and a mask (14).

Therefore it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Roll Extrusion filling of small vias" further in combination with Sullivan (4,647,524) by including a supply and take-up roller for the MYLAR film as evidenced Casey et al. (2002/0009539) with the expectation of achieving similar success as well as the fact of avoiding the need to peel the MYLAR film after the process which would increase production by reducing process time.

While the Examiner acknowledges the fact that the film (24) is utilized for a different purpose (blotting to remove solvent), it is the Examiner's position that the "supply" of the film is what is relied upon and not the function of the film itself.

(a) the claims recite applying the paste in a bead, continuous, discontinuous, etc. it is the Examiner's position that the application "type" would be dependent upon the desired end product and would be within the skill of one practicing in the art.

(b) Sullivan (4,966,827) teaches a screen printing process whereby a dry film is applied to the underside of a film (18) and then applied to a circuit board. The dry film can be in the form of a pattern, i.e. discontinuous (abstract and col. 7, line 35—col. 8, line 35).

Therefore it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Roll Extrusion filling of small vias" further in combination with Sullivan (4,647,524) further in combination with Casey et al. (2002/0009539) with forming a "patterned film" as evidenced by Sullivan (4,966,827) with the expectation of achieving the desired results.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 02-177496 in combination with Schafer (5,863,620) (a) alone or (b) in combination with JP 02-108,558 and JP 2002-166225 and Sullivan (4,996,827).

Features detailed above concerning the teaching of JP 02-177496 is incorporated here.

JP 02-177496 fails to teach applying the coating directly to the roller surface as opposed to the mask.

Schafer (5,863,620) depicts a coating applied to a roller and then transferred to a substrate (abstract and Fig. 1).

Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified JP 02-177496 process by applying the paste to the roller instead of the mask as evidenced by Schafer (5,863,620) with the expectation of achieving similar success.

JP 02-177496 in combination with Schafer (5,863,620) fails to teach “selectively applying the paste to portions of the roller”.

(a) While the Examiner acknowledges this fact, it is the Examiner’s position that the “application of the paste” whether continuous or discontinuous would be a matter of design choice of one practicing in the art absent a showing of criticality regarding this limitation. It is the Examiner’s position that if the entire area is desired to be coated then the coating would be supplied so as to achieve this result. On the other hand if the coating desired was a “pattern”, the coating would be supplied to achieve this result. Gravure rollers are conventional “patterned rollers” whereby the coating is applied to the roller in a “pattern” and this “pattern” is then transferred to the substrate.

(b) JP 02-108,558 , JP 2002-166225 and Sullivan (4,966,827) teach applying a “pattern” coating on a roller and then transferring that to a substrate.

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made for one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified JP 02-177496 in combination with IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, “Roll Extrusion filling of small vias” further in combination with Sullivan (4,647,524) process by applying the paste on only portion of the roller as evidenced by JP 02-108,558 and JP 2002-166225 and Sullivan (4,966,827) with the expectation of achieving the desired result, i.e. coating applied to a “selective” area of the substrate.

Response to Amendment

6. Applicant's arguments filed 6/4/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argued that the prior art fails to teach "selectively applying a discontinuous bead of flowable paste directly to the roller".

While the Examiner acknowledges this fact, it is the Examiner's position that the "application of the paste" whether continuous or discontinuous would be a matter of design choice of one practicing in the art absent a showing of criticality regarding this limitation. It is the Examiner's position that if the entire area is desired to be coated then the coating would be supplied so as to achieve this result. On the other hand if the coating desired was a "pattern", the coating would be supplied to achieve this result. Gravure rollers are conventional "patterned rollers" whereby the coating is applied to the roller in a "pattern" and this "pattern" is then transferred to the substrate. Furthermore, both JP 02-108,558 and JP 2002-166225 applying a "pattern" coating on a roller and then transferring that to a substrate.

Furthermore, Sullivan (4,966,827) teaches forming patterns opposed to a continuous coating if desired.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian K. Talbot whose telephone number is (571) 272-1428. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy H. Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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